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**First Class Mail**

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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois  
Consent Decree  
Voluntary Progress Report 46 (February 2003)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during February 2003.

**1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:**

- On February 4, 2003, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- On or about February 18, 2003, the Group's project coordinator received EPA's February 6, 2003 letter authorizing the Group to proceed with the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event in accordance with the "Five-Year Review Scope of Work for Groundwater Monitoring" that was submitted to EPA on January 21, 2003. The Group authorized ARCADIS to proceed with groundwater monitoring activities.
- On February 24, 2003, the Group's project coordinator issued a letter to EPA's project manager to confirm that ARCADIS plans to initiate groundwater sampling activities associated with the 2003 annual monitoring event at the site on March 24, 2003.



- On February 24, 2003, the Group's project coordinator issued letters to property owners to advise them that ARCADIS will collect groundwater samples from the monitoring well(s) on their properties during the week of March 24, 2003. The letters were sent to:
  - Mr. Mark Bayley, Martin & Bayley, Inc.;
  - Mr. Carl Cannon, National Steel Corp.;
  - Mr. L.R. Hurt, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis;
  - Mr. Brian Kerns, Bissell Street Warehouse Co.;
  - Mr. Scott Oney, State Street Warehouse & Transfer; and
  - Mr. George Webb, Metalico.
- On February 24, 2003, the Group's project coordinator provided a letter to EPA's project manager to advise EPA that letters had been sent to notify property owners regarding the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event.
- During February 2003, ENTACT continued to prepare a work plan on behalf of the Group for soil sampling and inspecting the main industrial site to support EPA's five-year review.

2. **Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

3. **Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. **Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:**

- The Group will perform operation and maintenance requirements at the site, as required.
- As noted above, ARCADIS will perform field activities and collect groundwater samples at the site as part of the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event during the week of March 24, 2003.
- ENTACT will continue to prepare a work plan for inspecting the site and conducting soil sampling in conjunction with EPA's five-year review. At the present time, the Group anticipates that ENTACT's work plan will be finalized and submitted to EPA in March 2003.

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5. **Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

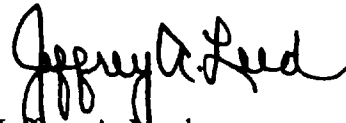
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- As noted above, property owners were notified about the schedule for the 2003 annual groundwater monitoring event to be performed by the Group in conjunction with EPA's five-year review.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

**LEED ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.**



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